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VIENNA FOR USIAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AORG, PARM, IAEA, CA
SUBJECT: CANADIAN CANDIDATE FOR IAEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 77074

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON KUWAITI MFA UN AFFAIRS CHIEF AL-RIFAI
APRIL 3, LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL, AND UNDERLINED
THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TALENTS OF CANADIAN CANDIDATE
AND MAINTENANCE OF EFFECTIVE WORLD-WIDE IAEA SAFEGUARDS.
AL-RIFAI SEEMED UNAWARE THAT THE IAEA NEEDED A NEW DEPUTY
DIRECTOR FOR SAFEGUARDS, THOUGH HE DID NOT EXPRESS
OPPOSITION TO CANADIAN CANDIDACY. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT
ON THIS WITH GOK COLLEAGUES, BUT HE DID NOT INQUIRE ABOUT OTHER
CANDIDATES, NOR DID EMBOFF VOLUNTEER NAMES. EMBOFF FOLLOWED
UP WITH PHONE INQUIRY TO AL-RIFAI APRIL 5, AT WHICH TIME HE
REPLIED THAT GOK CONSULTATIONS WERE UNDERWAY AND THAT HE HAD
JUST SENT OUR AIDE MEMOIRE TO MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND
WATER (WHICH USUALLY PROVIDES TECHNICAL REPRESENTATION
FOR IAEA MEETINGS.). HE UNDERTOOK TO INFORM EMBOFF WHEN
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A KUWAITI DECISION ON IAEA DEPUTY DIRECTOR POST HAD BEEN
REACHED.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT KUWAITI SUPPORT
FOR CANADIAN, KUWAIT'S TENDENCY TO FOLLOW THIRD WORLD/
NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA HAS BEEN AMPLY
DEMONSTRATED. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ESTIMATE PRECISELY

HOW THIS TENDENCY MIGHT OPERATE IN RELATION TO IAEA PERSONNEL
MATTERS, BUT BELIEVE THAT KUWAIT MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY
SAYING "NO" TO A YUGOSLAV REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF ITS
CANDIDATE, FOR EXAMPLE.
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